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Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 6 pm;
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AQ Smithers Annual Boat Swap, May 13 and May 14

Find a new home for some of that old gear you've outgrown, and pick up a sweet deal on a new or used kayak or canoe! Don't miss this chance to upgrade or re-outfit yourself for the coming paddling season. As well as a pile of used equipment, there will be lots of in-store specials on new gear. Check out the largest selection of self propelled watercraft and gear in northern BC.

Seymour Lake is close by and there will be the opportunity to try out some boats!

Dates & Times: Sat. May 13, 9 am - 6 pm and Sun. May 14, noon— 6pm.

If you have something you want to sell, arrange to drop it off ahead of time.
Email Timm: smithers@aquabatics.com
or call 1-800-748-2333 to arrange.

Instructor Certification

Interested in getting WW Kayak Instructor Certification? Saskia VanMourik of Paddle Performance in Chilliwack BC will be traveling to the Smithers area to run a Whitewater Canada Level 1 Instructor Course, a Trip Leader Program, and Level 2 Instructor Course in Smithers from June 24th - July 2nd.

Saskia will also be available to offer freestyle and other clinics while she is in the area.

The Level 1 Course will run Saturday & Sunday June 24th and 25th.

The Trip Leaders Course will run Monday June 26th and the Level 2 Instructors Course will run July 1st and 2nd.
To register call Timm: 1-800-748-2333.

Quesnel Paddlefest—May 26 - 28; **Willow River Fest**—June 17 - 18;
Tatlowfest —July 7 - 9; **Fraserfest**—July 15 - 16;
Terrace Paddle Party—Aug 4 - 7; **Whitehorse Paddlefest**—Aug 11- 13
UnLikeley Paddlefest—Sept 15 - 18



Morgan Baldwin rippin' up 'dog dish' on the Kalum River

Northern BC contains some of the longest expanses of free flowing waterways in the entire world. Vast tracts of virgin rain forest clothe mountains adorned with sparkling river jewels. Stretching from icy peaks to remote deltas, they divulge their silty contents into the deep fjords of BC, Alaska and the Yukon.

Legends of the Stikine, Skeena, Taku and Nass drift downstream on the ancient currents of oral history and into the deep canyons of our wildest fantasies, into the sharp trenches through which the roots of all our dreams, and nightmares extend.

These natural highways have shaped all who would call this wilderness home: emancipating those who have felt its natural justice, humbling those who have sought its domestication and above all healing those who have tapped into its infinite energy.

Paddling in the North remains above ego, above the shallow sloughs of our human dynamic; it is the mother and the teacher, the great equalizer. Would that all could be humbled by such a force. - Timm Johns

Whitewater kayaking - favourites from the gear bag.



Astral Aquavest 300 & Wonderpro

These streamlined pullover rescue vests are designed for extreme situations and have: a removable 1.5" quick release harness; extra compact protective sides provided with extra HDPE inserts; integrated Spectra® safety loop; a built in Tow-System pocket to prevent excessive dangling loop common to other Rescue vests; and reflective piping and daisy chain webbing loops on shoulders. The front pocket is designed to accommodate Astral's throw rope.

The shoulder straps, when pulled, cinch the fit if the pfd in a multi-directional way, creating a stronger grip on your torso and an amazingly comfortable fit.

The Aquavest 300 Men's (at right) is available in Red or Blueline-Blue. Sizing: XS/M (30"-42" chest) L/XL (42"-54" chest). Buoyancy: 16.75 lbs. Price: \$249.95

The Wonderpro Women's (at left) is available in Carolina Blue or Red. Sizing: XS/M (30"-42" chest) L/XL (42"-54" chest). Buoyancy: 16.75 lbs. Price: \$249.95

STRONGER CDN \$ = BIG SAVINGS

With the continuing improvement in the strength of the Canadian dollar, many of the great products that we carry are now even more affordable.

Werner prices came down in price last year and this season there are again many significant reductions to the pricing of most models.

Aquabound, Kokatat and IR have also dropped in price and there are some great now models to choose from in every price range..

After years of increases the price of most new whitewater kayaks are now between \$1059. and \$1299.!

In the realm of recreational and touring kayaks the variety of boats and the quality of outfitting has advanced noticeably over the past few years, making paddling more accessible to more people.

Please note: We are in the process of updating web pricing. Please call us at 288-9283 for correct current pricing.

Sweet Strutter

The ever popular Strutter is inspired by the Baseball Cap. It offers superior functionality and safety for boaters all over the world. It's superslim, comfortable and cool looking.

Made in Norway, this helmet meets and exceeds CE EN 1385 certification.



Sizes: S/M (53-56cm); M/L (56-59cm); L/XL (59-61 cms)
Weight: 400g
Price: \$249.

Sweet Rocker Half-Cut

The Rocker is designed with ultimate safety in mind. This versatile whitewater helmet is definitely the right choice for the big days. The rocker's ABS occipital frame has a small beak to shield your face from the sun, the water, and those surprisingly hard cockpit rims, while protecting your upper neck and ears from abrasion.

Made in Norway, this helmet meets and exceeds CE EN 1385 certification.

Sizes: M/L (56-59cm); L/XL (59-61 cms)

Weight: 500g
Price \$259.



Everybody's talking about... the Pyranha 4-Twenty

The 4-Twenty delivers aggressive freestyle orientated performance demanded by today's paddlers. This boat has lots of speed and predictable edge control, is well-balanced and delivers huge air! The fully adjustable syncro 6 Comp outfitting and roomy fit, combined with Pyranha's precise moulding techniques makes for one of the lightest fully fitted kayaks out there. The aggressive features and rocker give you all the control and dynamic power needed for real air time and fluid linked moves.

4-Twenty S/M: Length 198cm/6'1"; Width: 64cm/25"
Vol: 175L/46gal Weight 12kg/28lbs; Optimum Paddler Weight: 40-75kg/88-165 lbs. Price: \$1250.

4-Twenty M/L: Length 191cm/6'3"; Width: 65cm/25"
Vol: 219L/59gal Weight 13kg/30lbs; Optimum Paddler Weight: 60-100kg/140-200 lbs. Price: \$1250.





Immersion Research Union Suit

This unique one-piece base layer from IR keeps you comfy in any weather conditions. Made with midweight, stretchy, single sided fleece with an innovative super stretch neoprene collar which allows you to enter the suit via the neck opening. Paddling in cold weather? This is the best layering piece for whitewater paddling, period.

Colours: Assorted; Sizes: S—XL; Price: \$117.



Second year paddler Phil Price's review of his Jefe after a day on the Upper Fraser!

Liquid Logic Jefe, "the Boss"

When asked what the Jefe was built for, designer Johnnie Kern smiled and said, "To run the @\$#!!!"

The Jefe can handle anything you throw at it, from huge volume rivers to shallow creeks. "I wanted to get as much speed out of the hull as possible" says Johnnie, "so when you're in an eddy looking over your shoulder at a must make move, you know the boat is going to dig in and jump up to speed." Add that speed to Jefe's stable platform, its super-soft bow and innovative stern edges, (which provide predictability and control), and you have the ultimate creeker. Price: \$1299.



Hellman Slocan

Hellman Canoes, a homegrown company based out of Nelson, BC has just received "Paddlers Pick" in the 2006 boat review issue of Paddler Magazine- high praise indeed for a small company in a market of corporate giants. The canoe spotlighted is the "Slocan" a high volume river tripping canoe perfectly suited to long wilderness whitewater expeditions as well as relaxing family outings.

At 36" wide and 17.5' long, the Slocan is rated for a 1200 lb capacity— more than ample to accommodate yourself, partner, kids, dog and gear. The softly rounded hull gives the boat its super stable primary platform and the smooth chines provide confidence inspiring secondary stability. An amply flaring Bow parts through waves, leaving the bow paddler dry and smilin'. With 3.5" of rocker, the Slocans strength as a river boat become obvious; you'll have enough maneuverability to front and back ferry, surf, and move nimbly in the current.

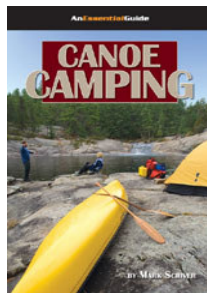
Equally impressive is the strength to weight ratio. Hellman canoes are made using a proprietary layup of high flex epoxy resin and space age materials which renders the hulls virtually indestructible; the boats are lighter than most others on the market. The Slocan weighs from 55 lbs to 70 lbs., depending on which of three layups is chosen. If you're in the market for a new canoe this season, and for every paddling season of your life, consider the Hellman Slocan, and other models in the Hellman fleet.

Prices vary depending on options—call for details.

Canoe Camping By Mark Scriver

Whether you're interested in a weekend trip with friends or family or a multi-day wilderness experience, this easy-to-read guide makes canoe camping fun and safe for both new and experienced canoe trippers.

Price – \$19.95



REPAIRS??

Didn't get around to your winter repair or outfitting project? Bring your broken boat to Timm at Aquabatics in Smithers, whose past experience building, repairing and outfitting canoes and kayaks complements Aquabatics with a fully functional repair service on site. Whether you need bang plates or minicell foam, fiberglassing or gunwale refinishing.

As well we can replace latex seal on drysuits and drytops.

For details call: 1-800-748-2333



Necky Manitou II Tandem — New addition to the successful Manitou Recreational Kayak family!

Paddling families spoke, and Necky listened: introducing the Manitou II, and incredibly versatile tandem designed for beginning and intermediate level paddlers. Based on the popular design family of the Manitou 13 and Manitou Sport, the Manitou II successfully combines the feel and glide of a touring boat, with the stability and comfort of a recreational kayak. Its double cockpit layout allows ample room for two adults and a child, or it can be paddles solo.

Stats: Length: 14'8", Width: 28", Weight: 75 lbs Price: \$1299. Price with rudder: \$1559.

Extrasport Solstice PFD

Patented Retro-Glide adjustment combined with Glide-Fit Foam construction make the Solstice a great fitting full-feature PFD. The buoyancy in the back of the PFD is located in the upper back area, while the bottom half of the back is comfortable mesh, making this PFD suited for use with recreational kayaks with high backrests.

Available colour: Apricot/Grey and Red/Grey; Sizes: XS/S, M/L, XL/XXL Price: \$139.95



Aqua-Bound Sting Ray Paddle

The **Sting Ray** is the "jack of all trades". Perfect for general-purpose recreational use and light touring, the Sting Ray excels at all kinds of paddling. Solid in the water and light in the hand, the soft dihedral cross-sectional shape of the blade gives flutter-free performance and great ease of use. The blades are made with Aquabound's new ABX resin material - LIGHTER and TOUGHER than ever before. Balanced with precision – you can feel the performance in your hands.

Choose the slightly larger bladed **Manta Ray** for a bit more power!

Available in a variety of material configurations rang-

Recreational Kayaking - The Essential Skills and Safety

An instructional book designed for entry level kayakers using sit-on, or sit-in recreational kayaks. This book covers tying a kayak on a vehicle, carrying a kayak, getting into and out of a kayak, basic safety, and the essential strokes and paddling techniques.

Heliconia Press, Price – \$16.95



Touring & Sea Kayaking - The Essential Skills and Safety

Provides beginner and novice touring and sea kayakers with an introduction to the sport, as well as the essential strokes, skills and rescue techniques.

Heliconia Press, Price – \$24.95



NRS SEA FULL ZIP SEA TOUR JACKET

NRS' breathable **SeaTour** is a splashproof, full-zip jacket made with waterproof/breathable WaveTex™ fabric. A mesh liner helps wick moisture away from the body. The jacket features: underarm zips for ventilation; adjustable neoprene on neck and wrists to seal out spray; reflective tape on the sleeves for increased visibility; a fully adjustable hood; hand-warming pockets; plus pockets on the sleeves and lower torso for quick access to gear.

Colours: Royal or Yellow; Sizes: S—XXL; Price: \$189.